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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 11, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Claims 8-23 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 1-7 have been cancelled.

Election/Restrictions

Claims 1-23 stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. 121 as follows:

Group I. Claims 1-7, drawn to computer conferencing, classified in class 709, subclass 204.

Group II. Claims 8-23, drawn to computer network managing, classified in class 709, subclass 223.

The Examiner states that:

"The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I. and II. are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 80e.OS(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the application in Group I. describes providing a domain for each member of a group that does not require a request to create a group comprising at least two jobs. The subcombination has separate utility such as assigning processors individual jobs to perform tasks on a single node."

Applicants elect the claims of Group II (claims 8-23) for examination. Claims 1-7 are canceled without prejudice. These claims are canceled as a result of having been restricted and withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application pursuing these canceled claims.

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Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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